

Davis County EMS Council

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Present:

Eric Froerer, Chair
Mark Becraft
Dane Stone – South Davis
Scott Adams
Sheriff Todd Richardson
Capt. Arnold Butcher
Dr. Bob Grow
Dr. Scott Fredricksen
Dr. Bill Swiler
Dr. Blake Yerman
Dr. Matt Feil

Visitors/Guests:

Dena Eckardt – Davis Hospital
Tami Goodin, BEMS
Zach Robinson, UofU Hospital
KD Simpson - Lifelight
Dave Youngberg –North Davis
Justin Benavides - Clinton
Deanna Wolfe – Ogden Regional
Colleen Connelly- UofU AirMed
Ben Dorman - AMRG
Rob Stantis - AMRG
Jeff Larsen

County Staff Present:

Wendy Garcia, CD/EPI Division Director
Liz Carlisle, Administrative Asst.
Cory Cox - DCSO

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Davis County EMS Council was held Thursday, February 5, 2015 at the Davis County Health Department, Board Room, 22 South State Street, Clearfield, Utah. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chief Eric Froerer.

Welcome

Chief Froerer welcomed council members, staff and visitors to the meeting.

Minutes (Action)

The minutes of the November 6, 2014 meeting were presented and reviewed.

Capt. Butcher motioned to accept minutes of the November 6, 2014 meeting minutes. Dr. Fredricksen seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Introduction of Trauma Outreach Coordinator University Hospital (Information)

Zach Robinson was introduced as the new Trauma Outreach & Injury Prevention Coordinator for the University of Utah hospital. The program is working to improve its provider feedback process. Mr. Robinson announced Trauma Grand Rounds on February 20 and EMS Grand Rounds on March 14. Also, training videos will be made available through South Davis Metro Fire and can be viewed anytime.

AirCare Helicopter Service (Information)

Deanna Wolfe introduced Rob Stantis and other representatives from AirCare Helicopter Service. AirCare will begin offering transport services in Davis County in March 2015. Council members voiced concerns about increased air traffic, decreased volume of calls, and potential decreases in quality of care. Dr. Swiler asked if the fee rates were similar to AirMed services. Mr. Stantis reported rates have not been set yet but would likely be similar as the company does not want a reputation of having vastly more expensive services.

Chief Becraft voiced his excitement for the new service as response times should decrease as the closest unit will be able to respond. Dr. Grow asked how dispatch would handle calls for the different air services are they rotated at each individual dispatch or the system as a whole. Capt. Butcher responded that each dispatch center rotates the calls between the air service companies. If the company that is up on the next rotation is too far away the next company will be dispatched to ensure quick response times.

Ms. Wolfe emphasized that a new provider was brought in to increase the quality of care in Davis County. Mr. Stantis offered to schedule opportunities for agencies to take a look at the aircraft and practice loading and unloading procedures. Chief Froerer welcomed AirCare to the area and recommended agencies get to know the equipment and staff.

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BEMS Update (Information)

Ms. Goodin reported that the Bureau of EMS has completed the per capita grants and that competitive grants were opening and is due by March 10 with prioritization due by April 29. UTrain is providing a semi-annual instructor training to be held March 6 - 7 in St. George. The bureau is still working on a RFP to transition to Image Trend. There are vacancies on the bureau's operations and professional development subcommittee. Individuals interested in serving can get an application from Tami.

Other Business

Ebola Procedure Update

Wendy Garcia reported that new notification procedures have been implemented with the local dispatch agencies in response to concerns identified in the Ebola Table Top Exercise regarding notification of first responders to a possible Ebola event. If an individual is being monitored the department will notify the dispatch agencies who can then flag the address and alert first responders. When the monitoring event is completed the flag will be removed.

Ms. Garcia also asked if agencies have acquired and fit tested the needed PPE for an Ebola response. Council members responded that all agencies have the proper PPE, are fit tested, and have practiced properly donning and doffing the gear.

EMS Protocols (Action)

Chief Froerer reported that the identified changes have been implemented to the updated protocols. Capt. Butcher was concerned there were still drug inconsistencies that needed to be amended to match. Dr. Swiler reported confusion as to which protocols needed to be used as there were multiple versions available. Chief Froerer responded that there is a Reference version that includes all the appendices and operational guidelines as well as a Working version that includes just the care protocols. This was done to allow for a streamlined version that could be stored in the buses that was easier to navigate.

After review of the protocols South Davis Metro recommended that the protocols be re-evaluated and updated as a whole to simplify the document. Chief Froerer recommended that a small work group be formed to intensely work on and update the protocols.

Capt. Butcher motioned to each agency select a representative to work on the committee and submit recommended changes before the April meeting. Dr. Feil seconded.

Prioritization Meeting (Action)

The Councils May meeting needs to be rescheduled to meet prioritization deadlines for the State. The meeting was rescheduled for April 21, at 10:00 am.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING: April 21, 2015
 10:00 a.m.**